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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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S-430 DUTREMBLE D

SUMMARY

LD 1765 created the Affordable Housing Partnership Act of 1989 to coordinate and target the resources of state agencies, municipalities and nonprofit housing corporations to address the affordable housing crisis. To achieve this purpose, this bill:

1. Established the Maine Affordable Housing Alliance within the Department of Economic and Community Development to assist municipalities in the development of affordable housing, including rental and home owner housing, for lower and moderate-income households.
2. Proposed that the Maine State Housing Authority assist nonprofit housing corporations in the development of affordable housing, both rental and homeowners, for lower and moderate-income households, the homeless and persons with special needs.
3. Created a 13-member Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities to advise state agencies, the Legislature and the Governor, with respect to the development of homestead land trusts, the development of housing for the homeless and persons with special needs and the implementation of housing opportunity zones.
4. Created the housing opportunity zones program to be administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development in consultation with the Maine State Housing Authority. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, after reviewing applications from municipalities, will create 4 demonstration housing opportunity zones for the purpose of revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods and residential housing.
5. Established a land acquisition program, including homestead land trusts, by which land, the most expensive component in housing development, can be preserved and kept affordable. This land could be used to develop housing for the homeless and affordable housing for the lower and moderate-income groups;
6. Requires coordination and cooperation among state agencies most concerned with housing. The Department of Economic and Community Development and the Maine State Housing Authority would consult on a regular basis and coordinate their activities.